

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 818 - HB 1381

March 8, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a student who is not proficient in English language arts (ELA) to be promoted if at least 66 percent of the third-grade students in the local education agency (LEA) or public charter school in which the student is enrolled achieve a performance level rating of "on track" or "mastered" on the ELA portion of the most recent Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) test, and if the student's parent or guardian, teacher, and school principal mutually agree and recommend in writing that the student should be promoted to the next grade level.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The current third grade retention law takes effect at the end of the 2022-23 school year and requires a student in the third grade to not be promoted to the next grade level unless the student is determined to be proficient in ELA based on the student's achieving a performance level rating of on track or mastered on the ELA portion of the student's most recent TCAP test.
- The Department of Education (DOE) will be required to update retention guidance documents and communicate with districts on the changes to retention law.
- LEAs, public charter schools, the State Board of Education, and DOE will be able to comply with the proposed legislation within existing resources. Any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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